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## STATUS OF PROJECTS

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STATUS OF PROJECTS

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(June 1, 1948 - June 14, 1948)

NSC 5/4 THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE  
USE OF U. S. MILITARY POWER IN GREECE.



2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD COMMUNISM  
(NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORT FOR WESTERN UNION AND OTHER RELATED FREE COUNTRIES  
(NSC 9/2)

On March 24, 1948, the Secretary of State referred a Policy Planning Staff working draft to the NSC for Staff study, and on April 9, a revision of the same report. The NSC Staff reviewed and made minor amendments to the latter, and it was submitted to the NSC as NSC 9 on April 13. At its 10th Meeting, April 22, the NSC deferred action pending partial revision by the Department of State. The report as revised by the Department of State was submitted to the NSC as NSC 9/1 on April 23. A substitute report presented for Council consideration by the Under Secretary of State was issued as NSC 9/2 on May 11. At its 11th Meeting on May 20, NSC approved in principle the general line of action subsequent to the proposed Senate Resolution as outlined in NSC 9/2, subject to the understanding that it will be reviewed after receipt of the report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and in the light of the comments by the JSC.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS OF THE NON-SOVIET WORLD  
(NSC 14)

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on March 3, 1948, and concurred in by all Consultants on June 11. Presented to NSC as NSC 14, June 14, 1948.



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### 3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

#### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Feb. 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

#### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff Feb. 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

#### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on April 21, revised on May 14, sent to Consultants on May 18. Concurred in by Navy, May 21; Air, June 11. Awaiting action by State and Army.

#### US ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO (NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11.

#### DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA

Draft received from State Department staff member June 4, 1948. Staff revised and submitted it to the Consultants on June 14, 1948.



UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS (Cont'd.)

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL STUDIES  
(NSC 10)

Staff report presented to NSC as NSC 10 on May 12, 1948. Comments by CIA Survey Group, dated May 14, circulated. At its 11th Meeting on May 20 the Council deferred action on this report until the next meeting of the Council. Comments by Director of Central Intelligence, dated May 24, circulated. At its 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948, the NSC referred it back to the NSC Staff for the preparation of a substitute report reflecting the discussion at the meeting. Substitute report drafted by staff and presented to Consultants June 11, 1948. Scheduled for consideration by Council at 13th Meeting on June 17, 1948.



#### 4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

##### FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff is preparing a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council. First draft, issued May 24, currently being revised.

##### SANACC 398/4

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, the NSC referred to the Staff this subject to prepare comments and recommendations thereon for consideration by the Council.

##### POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report on the position of the United States with respect to the initiation of atomic warfare in the event of war, including consideration of the time and circumstances of employment, and the type and character of targets against which it would be employed.

##### U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Study of this subject submitted by the Department of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 13, June 2, 1948. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff will prepare a report on this subject for consideration by the Council.



## 5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

### INTERNAL SECURITY

At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC authorized its Executive Secretary, with assistance of qualified representatives from the departments represented on the Council and other interested agencies including the FBI, to prepare a study and recommendations on this subject for Council consideration. Special Consultant for this project appointed April 14, 1948. Conferences have been held with representatives of State, Army, Navy, Air, FBI, CIA, Treasury, Immigration, Commerce, and AEC, and those Departments and Agencies requested to present written data on their responsibilities and activities in internal security. Replies being analyzed and initial report in preparation.

### CIA SURVEY

At its 5th Meeting, Jan. 13, 1948, the NSC approved a resolution authorizing a survey of the organization, activities and personnel of CIA and nominated for consideration by the President, three individuals to conduct the survey. These three Consultants were appointed Feb. 13, 1948. By Mar. 12, 1948, Secretaries of State, Army, Navy and Air Force had concurred in terms of reference for the survey group. Interim Report No. 1 - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] - received May 4, 1948. Written comments on this report by Department of State and by CIA indicate general concurrence with the Survey Group's recommendations. It has therefore been suggested that Director of Central Intelligence confer with State with a view to settlement of this question by mutual agreement, prior to any Council action. Interim Report No. 2 being considered in connection with NSC 10.

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## 6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Mar. 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration until after NSC action on NSC 9 Series.

### NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff Dec. 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued Feb. 25, 1948. Redraft being prepared by one Staff member, but further consideration by the entire Staff has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7.

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On Dec. 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued Mar. 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed in deference to priority of individual countries in this area and other priority subjects.

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on Jan. 15, 1948. Jan. 20 the Department of State was requested to prepare a study for NSC consideration. A study on short-term assistance to China was submitted by the Department of State and a report drafted by the Staff on March 8. It was amended by the Consultants and the revision submitted to the NSC as NSC 6 on March 26. At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC agreed no action on this report was necessary since it had been overtaken by events. The Department of State is continuing preparation of a report on the overall position with respect to China as originally requested. Further action deferred pending receipt of this report from State.



DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH IN REGARD  
TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

(Memo for NSC members from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 19, 1947.)

At its 11th Meeting on May 20, 1948, the Council discussed the above policy and agreed to request certain advice from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. (See NSC Action No. 50.) Awaiting reply by JCS.

COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES

(Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 26, 1948.)

By memorandum approval as of May 25, 1948, the Council directed the NSC Consultants to undertake a similar review and report in approximately two months.



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